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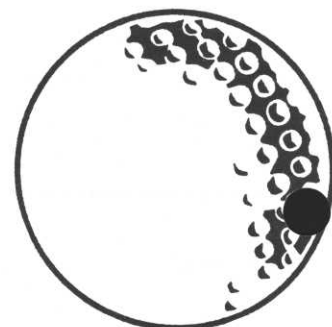
Each newsletter I try to touch on a pertinent message to our Association members. This time around I would like to convey a short but meaningful message. I would like to sincerely wish each and every member of our chapter and their families a very special holiday season. To me, this is the time of year when a person should stop and think about what is important in his or her life. Believe me, it isn't your job, golf course, or your next big order and sale. It is friends, family and the people who really care about you. I know it many sound corny, but its true. Try to imagine life without these special people. So, let them know how you feel, at this special time of year. It's a good feeling.

Thanks are also due to **Randy Gai, CGCS**, and the staff at Claremont Country Club for hosting our last meeting. I didn't get out on the course, but all the comments were positive. I did sample the lunch and it was excellent. Randy was also the recipient of the Judges Award presented by the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA). The award was presented by **James Duhig** of Contra Costa Landscape who did the work and is also a member of our Association, congratulations to both of them.

The recent GCSAA Seminar held in Pleasanton was an outstanding success. It was completely sold out. The topic was "Golf Course Restoration, Renovation, and Construction Projects" and was one of the most informative I have ever attended. This seminar is an annual event and is co-hosted by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California in conjunction with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Anyway, lets all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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